Government for selecting lawyers of low calibre to represent Government cases;

(b) if so, what is the existing procedure for selecting lawyers to represent Government cases in the courts of law; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to review the existing procedure to have a panel of competent and experienced lawyers for representing Government cases in Law Courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Lawyers specialised on various subjects, are engaged in Government cases on the basis of their competence. performance and experience in the bar.

(c) Review of performance of Counsel. appearing in Government cases, is done as a continuous process.

Creation of new bench of Allahabad High Court

4095. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA':
SHRI ANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to create a new bench of Allahabad High Court in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have received any request to create a new bench of Allahabad High Court in Western region of Uttar Pradesh,

(c) if so, what action has been taken thereon; and

(d) if not, what steps have been taken by Government to solve the problems faced by the litigants of Western Uttar Pradesh who have to either go to Lucknow or to Allahabad for Justice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (d) The Jaswant Singh Commission recommended the establishment of a permanent Bench of the Allahabad High Court at Agra and two circuit Benches thereof at Nainital and Dehradun. The then Chief Minister of Utar Pradesh proposed, in his letter dated 7.11.94, that recommendations of the Commission be implemented. He inter-alia informed that the Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court did not agree to the propsal. The next Chief Minister stated in her letter dated 5.9.95, that the issue of establishment of a High Court Bench was sensitive and a decision in the matter had to be taken by the Central Government. The State Government were advised in December, 1995 that in the absence of a definite proposal from the State Government and a consensus all concerned it was not possible for the Central Government to take a decision in the matter.

Speedy disposal of pending cases

4096. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state: in what way Government plan to reduce the time for disposal of pending cases and speedy dispensation of Justice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): In a continuing endeavour for making justice prompt, Government intends further to simplify judicial proceedures, increase the number of courts and judicial posts, strengthen the infrastructure for administering justice by providing additional funds for construction of court buildings and residential facili-

ties, and adopt Lok Adalats, Nyaya Panchayats and other alternative and locally appropriate methods of dispute resolution.

Disposal of cases in Delhi High Court

4097. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 410 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th February, 1997 and state:

(a) how many cases involving same and similar issues were grouped together, how many such cases have been listed before Delhi High Court for disposal and actually disposed off;

(b) as a result of amendment of rules relating to hearing of writ petitions for admission and final hearing by single benches, whether any cases have been finally disposed off;

(c) if so details therefor;

(d) in view of such a large number of cases pending, what other measures have actually been taken to clear these cases and with what results; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (e) The information is being collected from the Registry of Delhi High Court and will be laid on he Table of the House.

फोटो पहचान पत्र उपलब्ध कराने के लिए धनराशि

†4098. डा. वाई. लक्ष्मी प्रसादः क्या विधि और न्याय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान फोटो पहचान पत्र तैयार करने के लिए उपलब्ध कराई गई धनराशि का राज्य वार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) फोटो पहचान पत्र को तैयार करने से संबंधित कार्य को कब तक पूरा किए जाने का लक्ष्य है ; और

(ग) इस पर कुल कितनी धनराशि खर्च होने की संभावना है और उस धनराशि में से राज्य सरकार द्वारा कितना खर्च वहन किए जाने की संभावना है ?

विधि और न्याय संत्रालय के राज्यमंत्री (श्री रमाकान्त डी. खलप) : (क) वर्ष, 1996-97 के दौरान फोटो पहचान पत्रों को तैयार करने के लिए दी गई विधि का राज्य-वार ब्यौरा संलग्न विवरण में दिया गया है । (नीचे देखिए) ।

(ख) और (ग) फोटो पहचान-पत्र की स्कीम, एक जारी रहने वाली स्कीम है क्योंकि निर्वाचक नामावलियों में नामों को निरंतर जोड़ने हटाए जाने के कारण परिवर्तन होता रहता है । इसलिए, यह बताना साध्य नहीं है कि कितने समय के भीतर कार्य पूरा होगा या उस पर कुल कितनी रकम उपर्युक्त होने की संभावना है ।

विवरण

वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान फोटो पहचान पत्रों को तैयार करने के लिए की गई विधि का राज्य-वार ब्यौरा

क्रम सं०	राज्य सरकार का नाम	(रकम रुपयों में) वर्ष 1996-97 में जारी की गई रकम
1.	गुजरात	3,01,20,000
2.	नागालैंड	4,40,,000
3.	पांडिचेरी	2,36,000
4	सिक्किम	6,28,000
5.	पश्चिमी बंगाल	1,89,76,000
	योग :	5,00,00,000